Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to **Figures 1A, 2A, 3A, 5, 6A, 7A, 8, 12** and **17A**.

On **Figure 1A**, it is proposed to show inner diameter **32** more accurately as well as height **35** and width **31** of the rim. These proposed changes conform the drawing better to the text at p. 21, lines 4-26:

> Tumbler **10** is optionally provided with a molded-in design **28** which is more clearly seen by reference to **Figures 1(b)** and **1(c)**. Base sidewall **26** extends upwardly to define an outer edge **30** which attaches to sidewall **14**. Sidewall **14** extends upwardly to fortified rim **16**. Rim **16** is integrally formed with sidewall **14** and is a continuous generally circular or oval, solid polymer bead extending about periphery **18** of opening **20**. Rim **16** has a width **31** which is defined by the difference between an inner diameter **32** and an outer diameter **34** of rim **16** and a height **35** which is the distance over which width **31** extends. Width **31** is thicker than adjacent sidewall portion **38** which is typically of the same caliper as the reset of sidewall **14**. In the example shown in **Figures 1(a) – 1(c)**, adjacent sidewall portion **38** has a thickness of 10 mils, height **35** is approximately 28 mils and width **31** is approximately 40 mils at its thickest point.
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> Other dimensions of tumbler **10** are indicated on **Figure 1A**. Base portion **12** has a diameter $\mathbb{D}$, at edge **30** of about 2.125 inches, an outer upper diameter **34** of 2.770 inches an inner upper diameter **32** of 2.730 inches. The overall height, $\mathbb{H}$, of tumbler **10** is 5.785 inches. These dimensions define an angle of taper $\mathbb{T}$ as shown about imaginary central axis **40** of about 3° for sidewall **14** of tumbler **10**. As used herein "taper", "degree of taper" and like terminology indicates the angle that the sidewall of the inventive tumbler makes with the imaginary central longitudinal axis defined by the sidewall which is substantially perpendicular to bottom **22**, the taper of the article may also be thought of as the angle the sidewall makes with the bottom less 90 degrees.

The rim on **Figure 2A** should look like the rim on the tumbler of **Figure 1**. This change is consistent with **Figure 1** and the text as filed on p. 22, lines 8-20:

> There is shown in **Figures 2(a) and 2(b)** another tumbler **210** constructed in accordance with the present invention. In general, tumbler **210** has a base portion **212**, a sidewall portion **214** and an upper circular fortified rim portion **216** which extends about the periphery **218** of an opening **220** of tumbler **210**. Base portion **212** of tumbler **210** is integrally formed with the rest of the tumbler and includes a bottom **222** which has a meniscus portion

224 and a base sidewall **226**. Base sidewall **226** is typically thicker than sidewall **214**, and has slightly reversed taper as opposed to the taper of sidewall **214**.

Tumbler **210** is provided with a molded-in design **228** which is a series of concentric rings as shown on **Figures 2(a)** and **2(b)**. The dimensions of tumbler **210** are otherwise substantially identical to the dimensions of the tumbler **10 of Figures 1(a) – 1(c)**.

On **Figure 3A**, thickness **331** and height **335** of the rim should be shown as on **Figure 1**. Also, the rim should be shown as in **Figures 1** and **2**. These changes are supported by the specification as filed at p. 23, lines 8-20:

Base sidewall **326** extends upwardly to define an outer edge **330** which attaches to sidewall **314**. Sidewall **314** extends upwardly to fortified rim **316**. Rim **316** is integrally formed with sidewall **314** and is a continuous generally circular or oval, solid polymer bead extending about periphery **318** of opening **320**. Rim **316** has a width **331** which is defined by the difference between an inner diameter **332** and an outer diameter **334** of rim **316** and a height **335** which is the longitudinal distance over which width **331** extends. Width **331** is thicker than adjacent sidewall portion **338** which is typically of the same caliper as the rest of sidewall **314**. In the example shown, adjacent sidewall portion **338** has a thickness of 20 mils height **335** is approximately 28 mils and width **331** is approximately 40 mils at its thickest point.
Other dimensions of tumbler **310** are approximately identical to those of tumblers **210** of **Figures 2(a)** and **2(b)** and tumbler **10** of **Figures 1(a) – 1(c)**. Tumbler **310** thus has a taper of 3°.

The fortified rim **516**, **Figure 5**, should appear schematically the same as in **Figures 4A, 4B**.

In **Figure 6A**, the diameters, widths and so forth should conform to the text at p. 26, lines 8-18:

Base sidewall **626** extends upwardly to define an outer edge **630** which attached to sidewall **614**. Sidewall **614** extends upwardly to fortified rim **616**. Rim **616** is integrally formed with sidewall **614** and is a continuous generally circular or oval, solid polymer bead extending about periphery **618** of opening **620**. Rim **616** has a width **631** which is defined by the difference between an inner diameter **632** and an outer diameter **634** of rim **616** and a height **635** which is the distance over which width **631** extends. Width 31 is thicker than adjacent sidewall portion **638** which is typically of the same caliper as the rest of sidewall **614**, that is, sidewall **614** is substantially uniform in thickness on

the entire tumbler. In the example shown, adjacent sidewall portion **638** has a thickness of 20 mils, height **635** is approximately 28 mils and width **631** of rim **616** is approximately 40 mils at its thickest point.

Figure 7A should be conformed to **Figures 1A, 2A, 3A** and **6A**. These changes conform the **Figure** to the text at the bottom of page 27 and top of page 28:

Rim **716** is integrally formed with sidewall **714** and is a continuous generally circular or oval, solid polymer bead extending about periphery **718** of opening **720**. Rim **716** has a width **731** which is defined by the difference between an inner diameter **732** and an outer diameter **734** of rim **716** and a height **735** which is the distance over which width **731** extends. Width **731** is thicker than adjacent sidewall portion **738** which is typically of the same caliper as the rest of sidewall **714**. In the example shown, adjacent sidewall portion **738** has a thickness of 20 mils, height **736** is approximately 28 mils and width **731** is approximately 40 mils at its thickest point.

Other dimensions of tumbler **710** are generally as indicated in connection with tumbler **610** of **Figure 6**. Sidewall **714** of tumbler **710** has a taper of approximately 6.5 degrees.

The tumblers of **Figures 6** and **7** have the fortified rim design of the present invention wherein the rim includes a spherical or elliptical solid polymer bead. Typically, this bead is twice the thickness of the adjacent sidewall or more as was discussed in connection with **Figures 4(a)** and **4(b)** above. That discussion applies equally to the embodiments of **Figures 6, 7, 8** and **17** as will be appreciated from the foregoing and subsequent discussion.

Figure 8 should be consistent with the other tumblers and text at page 29, beginning on line 10:

Base sidewall **826** extends upwardly to define an outer edge **830** which attaches to sidewall **814**. Sidewall **814** extends upwardly to fortified rim **816**. Rim **816** is integrally formed with sidewall **814** and is a continuous generally circular or oval, solid polymer bead extending about periphery **818** of opening **820**. Rim **816** has a width **831** which is defined by the difference between an inner diameter **832** and an outer diameter **834** of rim **816** and a height **835** which is the distance over which width **831** extends. Width **831** is thicker than adjacent sidewall portion **838** which is typically of the same caliper as the rest of sidewall **814**, that is, sidewall **814** is substantially uniform in thickness on the entire tumbler. In the example shown, adjacent sidewall portion **838** has a thickness of 20 mils, height **835** is approximately 28 mils and width **831** of rim **816** is approximately 28 mils and width **831** of rim **816** is approximately 40 mils at its thickest point. The tumbler is also provided with a series of molded-in grooves **841** which extend around the tumbler. These grooves

provide a grip for a user as well as providing rigidity to the article. Typically, the circumferential grooves **841** have a depth of from **810** to 40 mils.

On **Figure 12**, fortified rims **931**, **942** should be conformed schematically to look like **Figure 4B**. *See* pages 34, 36 of the application as filed.

Finally, on **Figure 17A**, lines **1004** should extend to the edge of the embossed area as noted on p. 44, lines 5-7:

> For example, tumbler **979** can optionally be provided with an embossing design defined by embossed flat surfaces **988** and ridges **1004** which circumscribe the embossed areas **988**.

Attachments:

New Sheet 1, **Figure 1A**;

Annotated Sheet 1 showing changes;

New Sheet 2, **Figure 2A**;

Annotated Sheet 2 showing changes;

New Sheet 3, **Figure 3A**;

Annotated Sheet 3 showing changes;

New Sheet 5, **Figure 5**;

Annotated Sheet 5 showing changes;

New Sheet 6, **Figure 6A**;

Annotated Sheet 6 showing changes;

New Sheet 7, **Figure 7A**;

Annotated Sheet 7 showing changes;

New Sheet 8, **Figure 8**;

Annotated Sheet 8 showing changes;

New Sheet 10, **Figure 12**;

Annotated Sheet 10 showing changes;

New Sheet 12, **Figure 17A**; and

Annotated Sheet 12 showing changes.

If for any reason the Examiner would like to discuss the foregoing proposed changes, the Examiner is invited to call at the number listed below.

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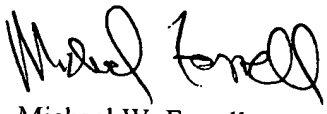

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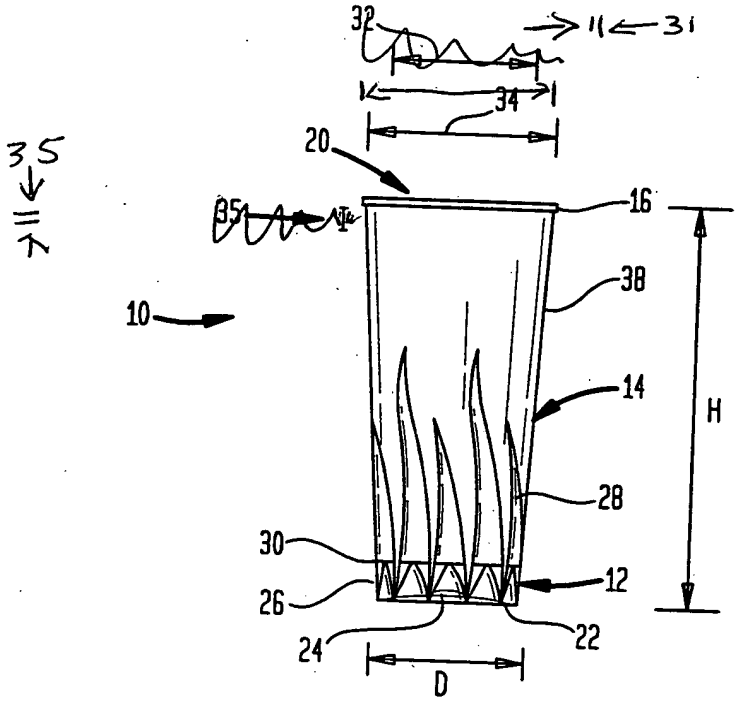
FIG. 1A



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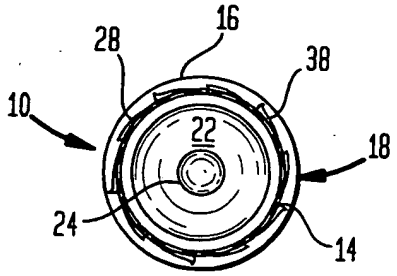

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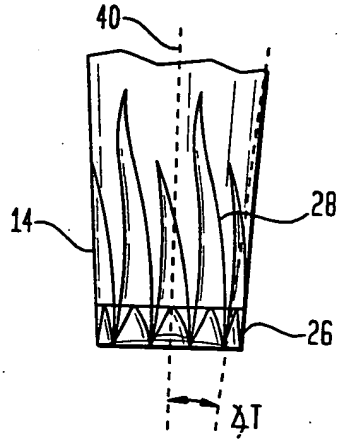

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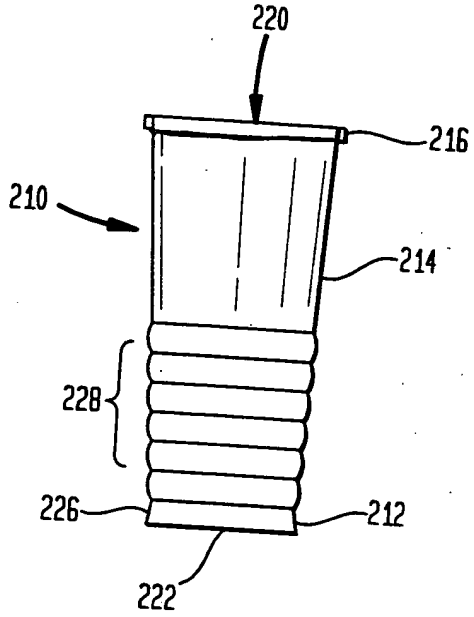
FIG. 2A



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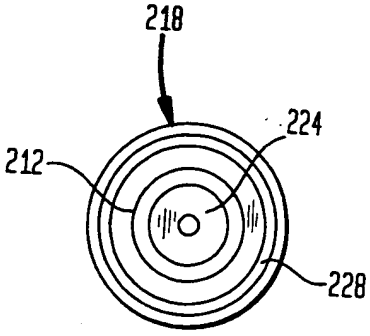

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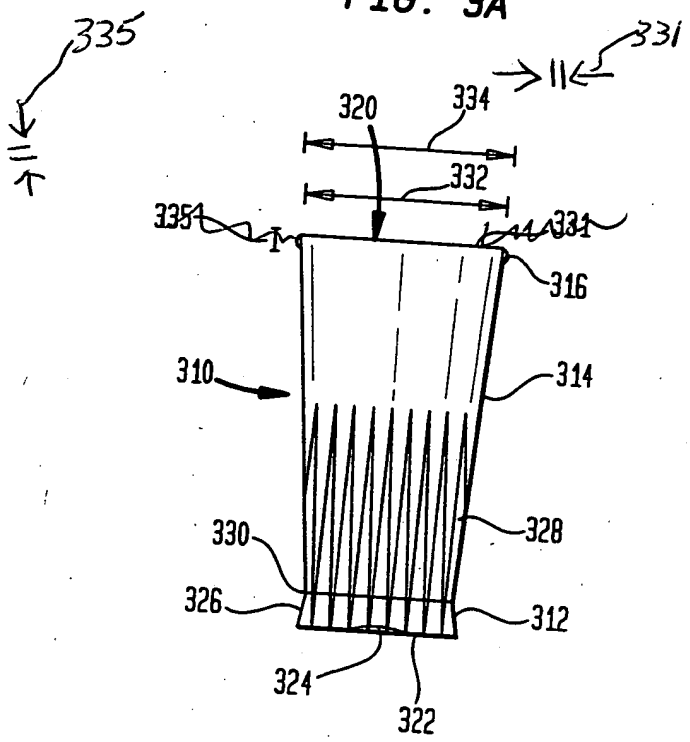
FIG. 4

FIG. 3A



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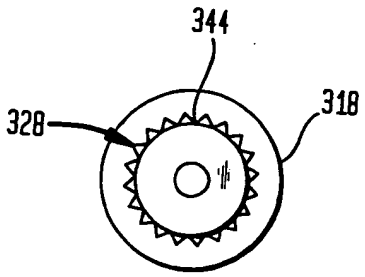

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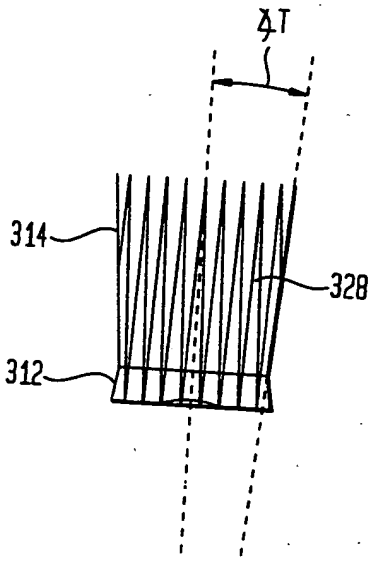

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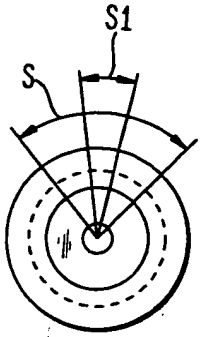

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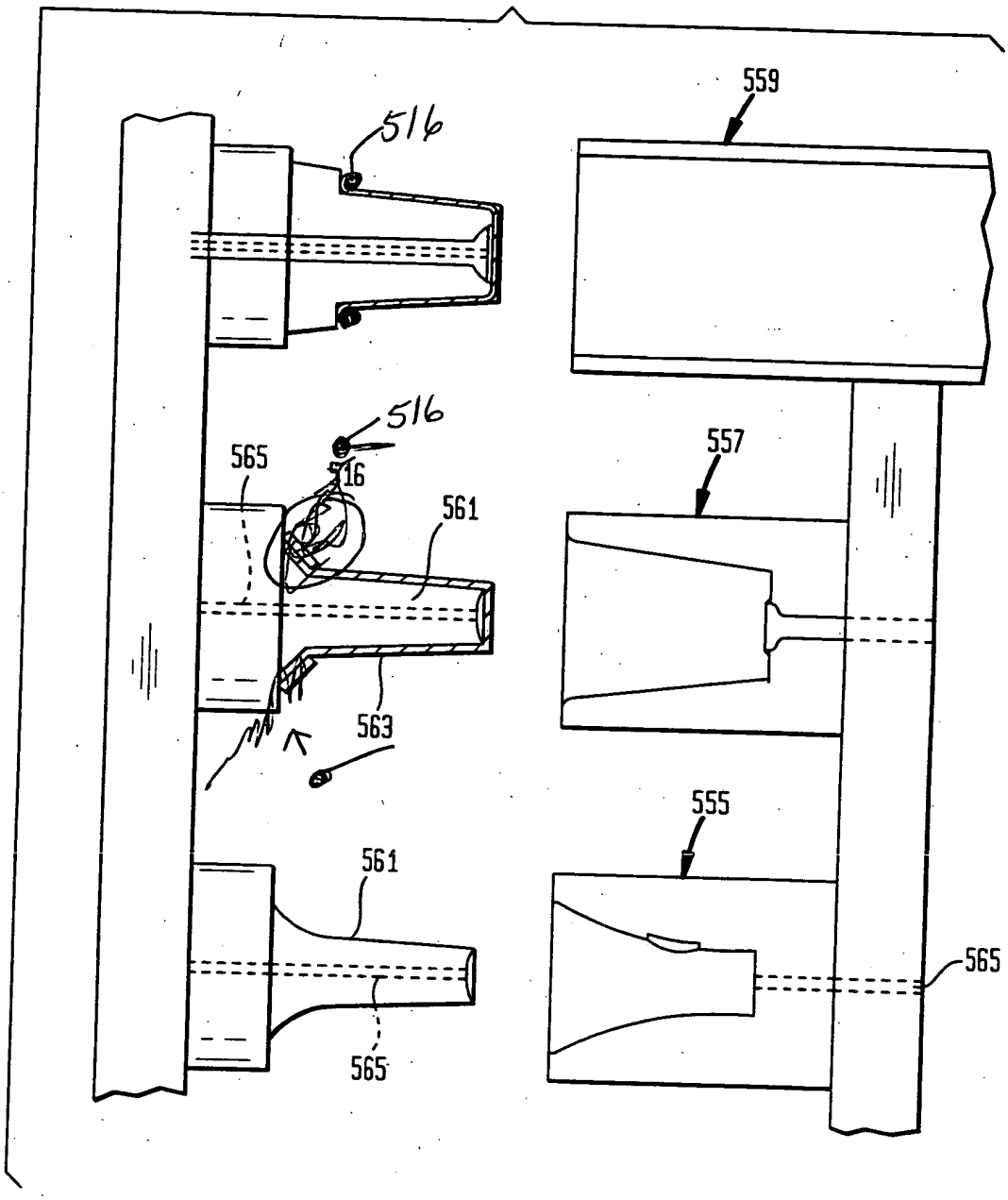

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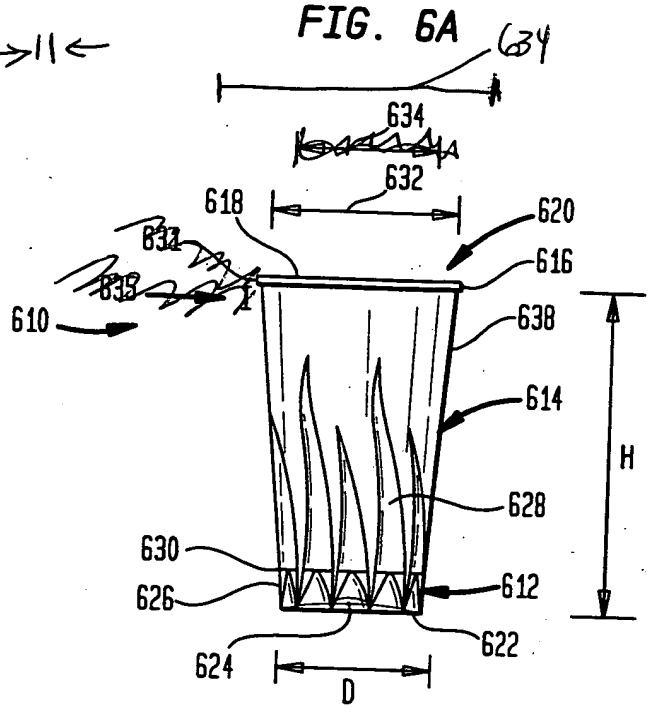
FIG. 6A



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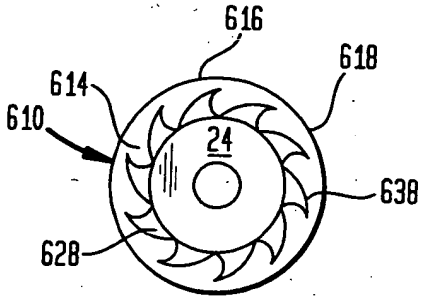

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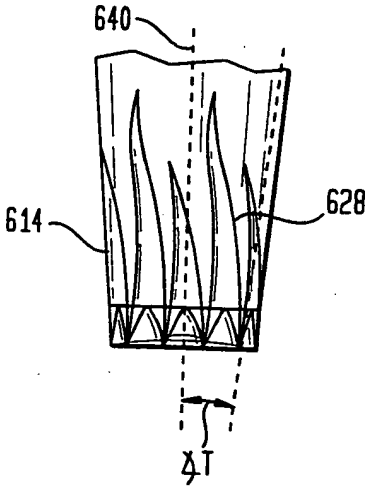

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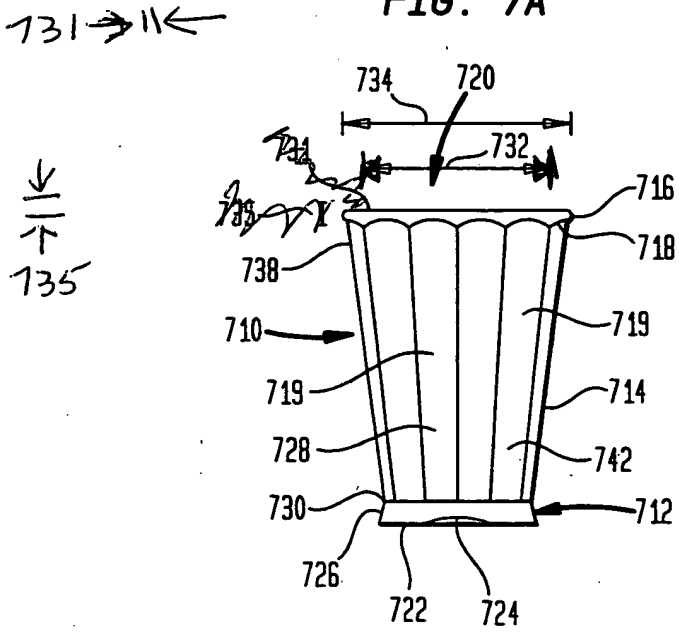

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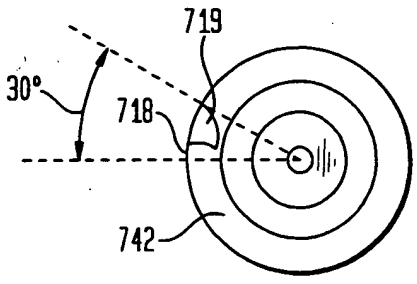

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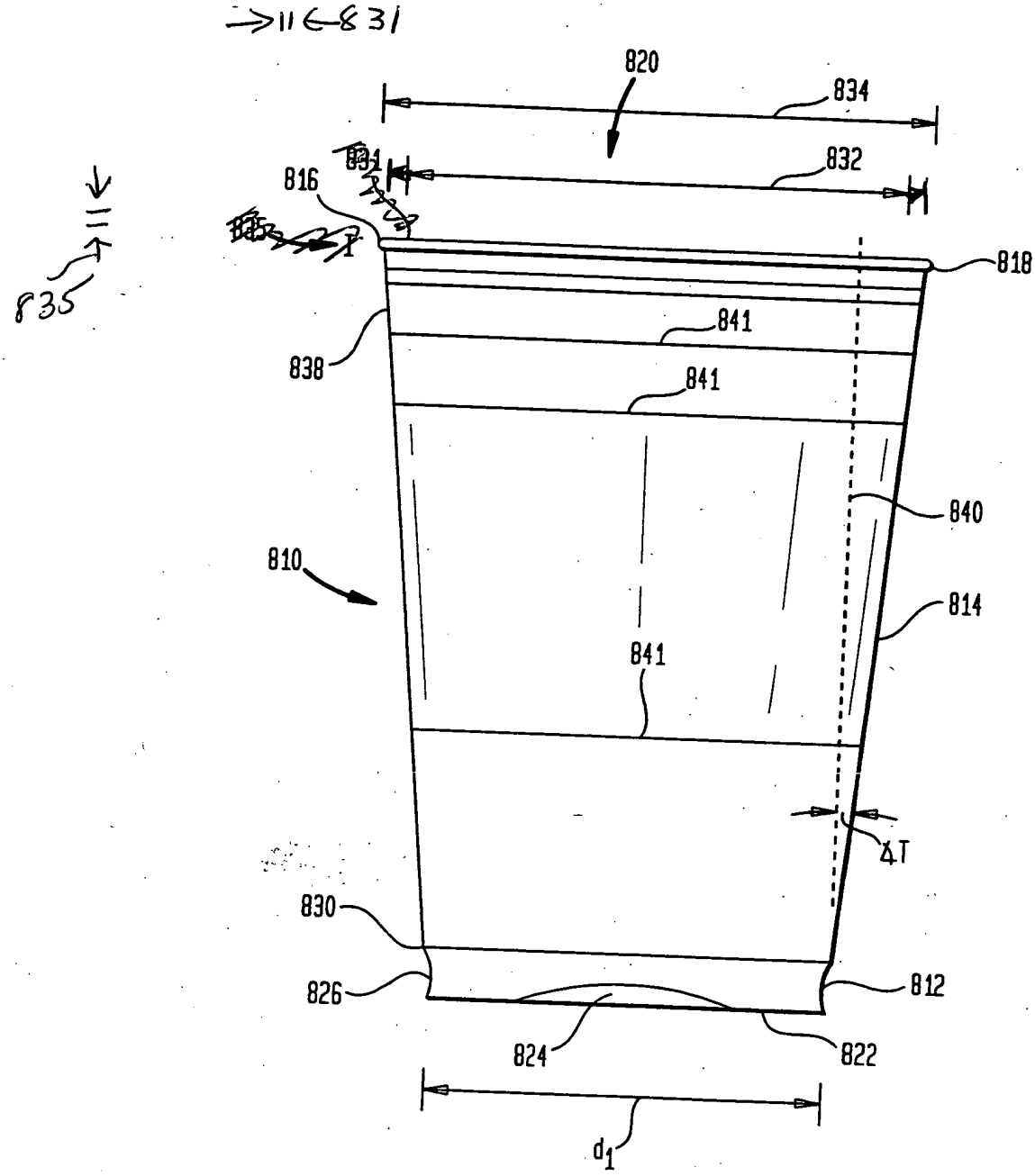
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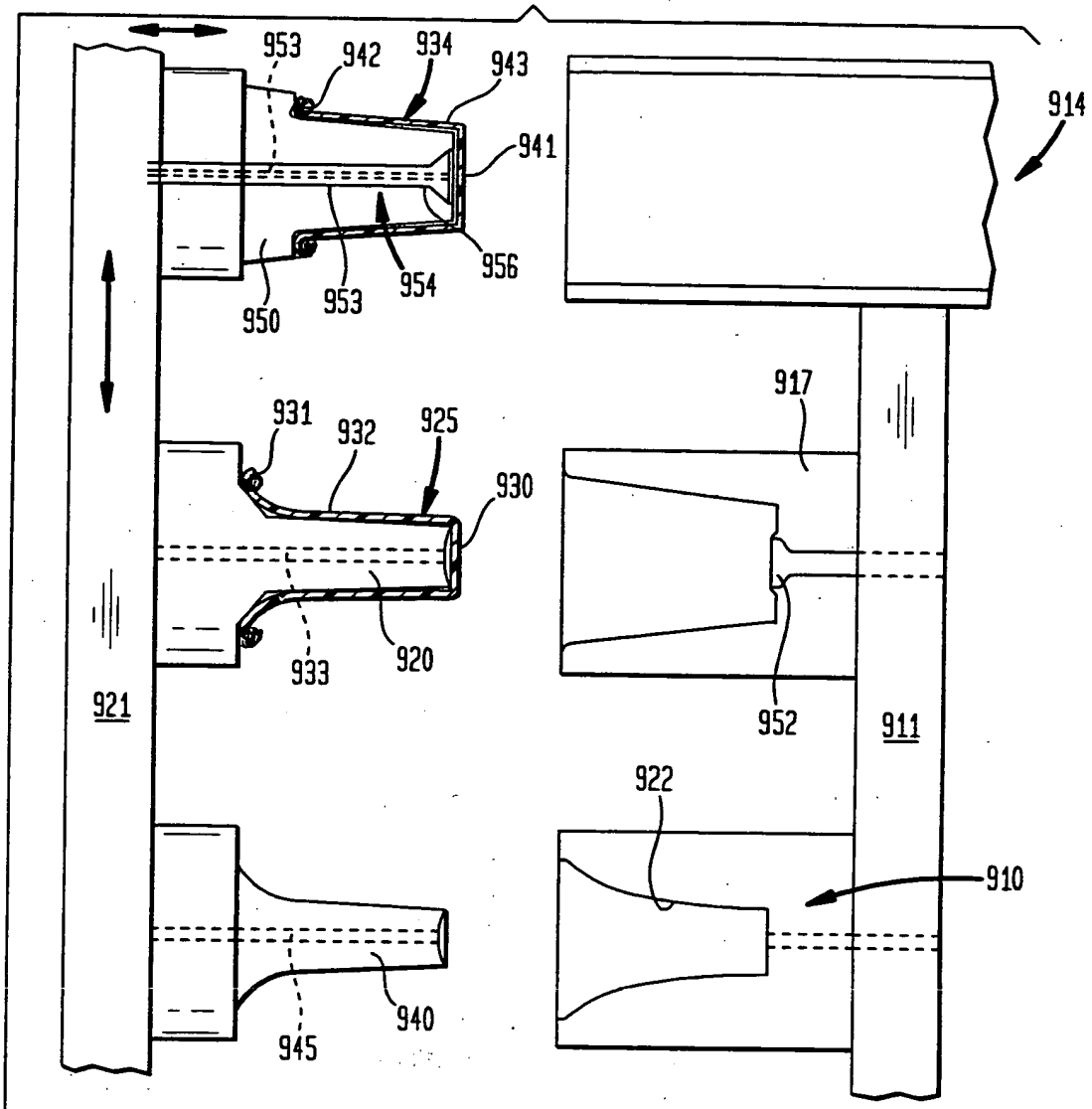
FIG. 12



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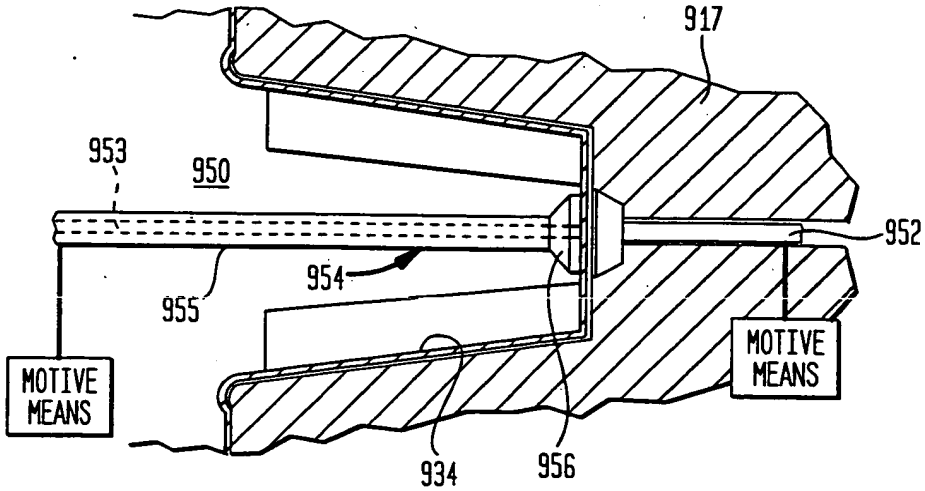

FIG. 17A

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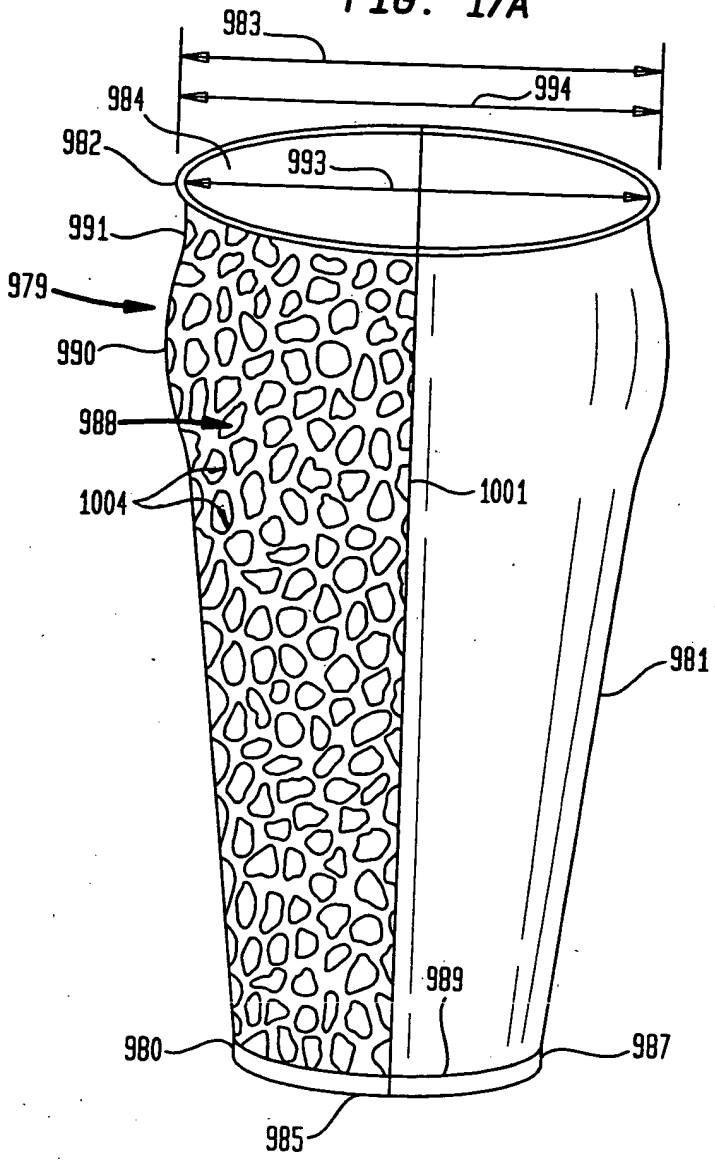

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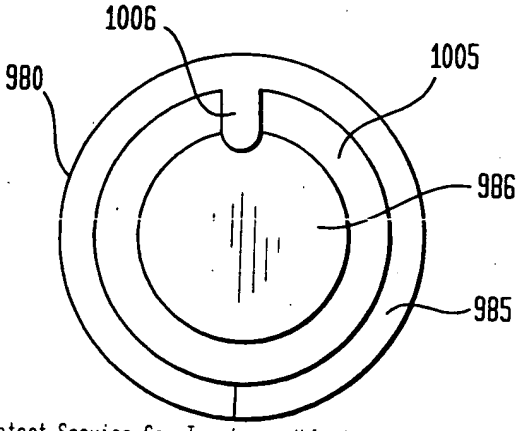

FIG. 17C